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In re application of:

Koch, Robert A.

Group Art Unit: 2687

Application No. 10/717,892

Examiner: Ramos Feliciano, Eliseo

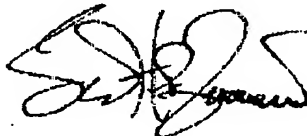
Filed: 20 November 2003

Attorney Docket: BS02301 CON 2

Title: "System & Method for Providing Usage Monitoring Telephony Services"

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August 30, 2005

RESUBMISSION IN RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-RESPONSIVE AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Commissioner:

The Assignee resubmits this amendment in response to a notice of non-responsive amendment. The Office mailed a Notice of Non-Responsive Amendment on August 10, 2005. This Notice states that because the subject matter of some claims was changed, the Notice says the claims should have been canceled and presented as new claims.

The Assignee, however, finds no support for such a requirement. There is no requirement that when the subject matter of a claim is changed, a new claim number is required. 37 C.F.R. §

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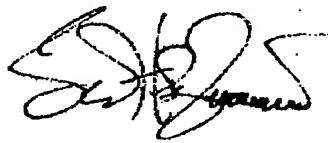
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1.126, for example, makes no mention of "subject matter." The Assignee has combed the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure, the Code of Federal Regulations, and the patent statutes, but no legal authority is found to support the office's position.

Attorney Scott Zimmerman called the Examiner. The attorney explained that no legal support can be found to support the Office's requirement of new claim numbers. The Examiner then asked to make inquiries and to call back. When the Examiner did call back, the Examiner suggested resubmitting this amendment and stating the Assignee's position.

The Assignee thus resubmits this amendment. The Assignee finds no legal authority to support the Office's position in 37 C.F.R. § 1.126, the remainder of the patent rules, nor the patent statutes. If the Office wishes to maintain that this amendment is non-responsive, the Assignee respectfully asks the Office to provide clear legal authority.

Respectfully submitted,



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